

# ***Livingston County Veterans' Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

November 16, 2017

### **I. Call to order**

Hansel Keene called to order the special meeting of the Livingston County Veteran's Council at 5:05 pm on November 16, 2017 at Livingston County Veteran Services Room A.

### **II. Roll call**

Hansel Keene conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, Andrea Hodges and Adam Smiddy

### **III. Approval of Minutes: None.**

### **IV. Call to Public: None.**

### **V. Applications for Relief:**

17-098: \$2,369.24 for Rent and Water Debt. Committee expressed concern on sustainability of current living situation after loss of income in the household. Counselor explained that the family is actively seeking other incomes and that their lifestyle is appropriate for their income such that future need may be avoidable. Motion to approve application: Joseph Riker, Second: Kevin Nagle, 3 yeas, application approved.

17-089: \$9,380.10 for Rent and Other Debt. Joseph Riker asked about the accumulated tool debt and income of the family moving forward. Counselor explained that the tools are necessary component to work and aleaviting debt could prevent future need for the family. Motion to approve up to \$9,400 for debts and require financial education courses for applicant: Joe Riker, Second: Kevin Nagle, 3 yeas, application approved.

### **VI. Old business: None.**

### **VII. New business.**

Joe Riker presented best practices from other transportation programs in Ingham County to track rides as well as report to the Department of Veteran Affairs transportation services provided for medical appointments and well as reporting examples from other government bodies.

The Director discussed that the level of detail over office operations the committee is discussing should not be weighed as much or more than the operation picture as

reported by the Director. The Committee informed the Director that it is part of the committees duties for oversight of the office. The Director stated that the committee should form a policy over programs in the office that are not currently covered, specifically over the transportation program. The Director informed the committee that a meeting planned with a scheduling vendor to better track the transportation program, which if adopted should fulfill some information being requested by the committee.

Kevin Nagle left the meeting at approximately 6:50 pm.

Hansel Keene made note that the office should investigate other sources of transportation for Veterans to reduce the number of hours the employees are driving. Hansel Keene suggested that to lower the driving appointments, that Veterans could utilize other means such as LETS, VA Shuttle and UBER services. Hansel Keene made light of expanding medical services being offered in Livingston County that may be utilized by some Veterans in the future.

The Director responded by stating the department will in no way be involved in directing Veterans to change their care plans to facilitate department transportation needs and reiterated the need for transportation policy.

#### **VIII. Good of the Order: None**

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Hansel Keene adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Adam Smiddy